

Remarks

Claims 2 to 14 remain in this application.

Claim 8 has been amended to more particularly conform with the Provisions of 35 USC 112. As now stated, claim 8 requires "a sealing device for mounting over a drilling hole. . . :" and sealed in relation to the "surrounding sea water".

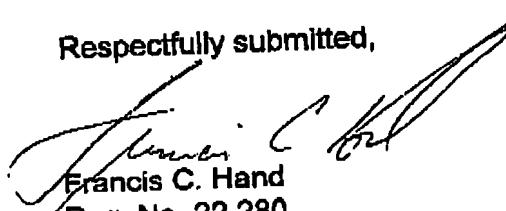
Claim 12 has been amended in similar fashion as claim 8 and to further avoid the use of an acronym. Accordingly, claim 12 is believed to be in conformance with the Provisions of 35 USC 112.

Claim 14 has been amended to clarify that the drilling fluid is "for injection into a further drilling hole". Claim 14 corresponds with the description at page 7, lines 29 to 32.

The Examiner has noted that the specification lacks headings. However, there is no statute or rule that requires the use of headings. Instead, the Rules suggest that headings be used. In any event, the format of the suggested headings has been followed.

The application is believed to be in obvious condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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